# Do I need a permit to move a house?

Yes, you do need a permit to move a house into, within or out of the city limits of Salina. An application, for a permit to move a house, can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's office at 785-309-5735 or coming to room 206 of the City County Building. The fees for this type of permit are also separate from any fees associated with a building permit.

The permit to move a house takes several days to process and the applicant is required to obtain signatures from several different agencies including, but not limited to, the Fire Department, the Railroad, the Utilities Companies, the Police Department and the City Engineer.

A building permit is required for any work on the structure once it is moved to the new location. A building permit is also required for a slab, crawlspace or basement constructed prior to moving the house. A building permit application can be obtained by contacting the Building Services Department at 785-309-5715 or coming to room 201 of the City County Building.



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# Moving a House



The Building Code requires that buildings moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of the code for new buildings or structures.

It is the interpretation of the City of Salina, Building Services Department that the following requirements must be satisfied. This list is only a general guideline and should not be interpreted to be all-inclusive. An inspection might identify other items that are not in compliance with current codes, which would still need to be addressed. (continued inside)

## **Building Code**

- Floor joists will be supported to meet all current span limits. If it is not possible to determine species and grade of existing framing, the limits as set forth in the Department's interpretation for used lumber shall be utilized on a case-by-case basis.
- Every room that would meet the Administrative definition of bedroom shall be provided with an egress window which meets the required size, height and opening requirements.
- Exception: Ground floor windows shall only be required to provide 5 sq. ft. of openable area in lieu of 5.7 sq. ft. Any single or double hung window on any floor whose sashes may be removed from the inside without the use of tools may be permitted to count all the area of the opening with the sashes removed to provide the 5.7 sq. ft.
- 3. Light and ventilation shall meet all current requirements. Windows shall be operable and screens must be provided.
- 4. Bathroom fixtures shall meet all current requirements for clearances.
- 5. Stairs and landings shall meet all current requirements.
- Exception: When the Administrative Authority determines that structural limits would make alterations prohibitive, rise may be maximum of 8 ½" and/or run may be a minimum of 8 ½", riser height variation is limited to 3/8" between any adjacent steps. When any of these conditions are permitted, The stairs shall be provided with two handrails and the treads shall be covered by an approved non-skid surface. Headroom is permitted to be a minimum of 6'6".
- Handrails and guardrails shall meet all current requirements.
- Exception: Guardrails shall be permitted to have openings that would permit a 6" sphere to pass through, and if guardrails serve as handrails on the open side of stairs, the minimum height of the rail above

- the nose of the step shall be 32". However, a second handrail that meets current code requirements must be provided on the wall side.
- 7. Hardwired, battery backup smoke detectors will be furnished in all required locations.
- 8. Roofs shall meet all current requirements for rafter spans (see item #1), type of roof covering and number of overlays.
- 9. Attic access and ventilation shall be provided to meet all current requirements.

#### **Plumbing Code**

- Water, gas, waste and vent piping will be sized to meet current code requirements.
  Waste piping will be sloped to meet current requirements.
- 2. All fixtures shall be trapped and vented as required by current code.
- Exception: Air admittance valves may be used when approved by the Building Services Department.
- 3. Water heaters shall meet all current requirements for venting and combustion air. Existing water heaters in bathrooms shall be permitted to remain.
- 4. Shut-off valves must be provided for all fixtures.
- 5. Existing fixtures need not meet requirements for water conservation.
- 6. Anti-siphon ball cocks and hose bibs must be furnished.

## **Electric Code**

- 1. Existing wiring need not be replaced if it was installed per code at the time of construction and has been properly maintained.
- Exception: If interior wall coverings are to be removed, wiring will be replaced with an approved wiring method which provides integral grounding.

- 2. Service entrances shall meet all current code requirements.
- All branch circuits must be sized as required for current code.
- Branch circuits shall be furnished for bathrooms, kitchens, dining rooms, laundries and heating equipment as required by current code.
- 5. Receptacle outlets must be provided in locations as required by current code.
- 6. Lighting must be furnished to meet <u>all</u> current requirements for location. Every room must have a light, or a receptacle controlled by a switch.
- 7. If existing wiring is ungrounded, Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) shall be furnished on all receptacle branch circuits.
- 8. Ground Fault protection shall be provided at all locations as currently required.
- All circuits shall be checked for continuity after the building has been relocated.

## **Mechanical Code**

- Heating equipment shall be located and vented to meet all current code requirements. Forced air furnaces and gas water heaters shall not be located in a bedroom or in a room whose only access is through a bedroom. (Existing equipment in bathrooms shall be permitted to remain, provided the only access to the bathroom is not through a bedroom)
- 2. Ductwork in attics must be insulated.

